

INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION SERVICE

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

COUNCIL # 245

DATE: June 11, 1990

FULL NAME: Steven J. Ward

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Somerset, Ma 02726

DATE OF BIRTH: August 4, 1955

APPROXIMATE AGE: 34

RELIGION:

NATIONALITY: U.S. Citizen

OCCUPATION:

EDUCATION:

WEIGHT: 160

HEIGHT: 5'10"

RACE: Caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR: Brown

COLOR OF EYES: Brown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS:

MARRIED OR SINGLE: Single

CHILDREN: None

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION: Somerset Sportsmen Club

UNIT NO. Troop 87

CITY: Swansea

STATE: Ma

POSITION: Scoutmaster

DATE REGISTERED: 10/87 DATE RESIGNED: 6/11/90

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Allegations of Sexual Child Abuse

SIGNED: Donald W. Reinhardt Scout Executive

COUNCIL: MOBY DICK # 245

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April 2, 1991

Mr. Donald W. Reinhardt
Scout Executive
Moby Dick Council, No. 245

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: STEVEN J. WARD

Dear Don:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Charles D. Ball, Northeast Region

READY FOR FILE
APR 03 1991
ERIN O'RILEY

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Moby Dick Council

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
39 GROVE STREET
NEW BEDFORD, MA 02740

February 22, 1991

Mr. Paul Ernst
Registration and Statistical Service
National Office, BSA
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECTS: John Savastano..
Steven Ward

Dear Paul:

This letter should help update your files regarding the above named individuals.

It is our understanding that in the case re: John Savastano, there was insufficient evidence to prosecute in Massachusetts. However, while there was sufficient evidence to prosecute in Maine, the parents have declined to pursue the matter out-of-state and hence this case is apparently "dead in the water". There has been no communication between the Council and Mr. Savastano since he was presented his letter and removed from registration. He has obviously not chosen to appeal.

Steven Ward's case was dismissed by the District Court on February 9, 1991 in order that he be arraigned before a Grand Jury. This was done and Mr. Ward has been indicted by the Grand Jury and awaits trial by the Superior Court of Bristol County, Massachusetts. Enclosed is the dismissal notice of the lower court.

We will keep you informed as to further developments.


Sincerely,



Donald W. Reinhardt
Scout Executive

DWR:mgm
ENCL: 1-Newspaper Clipping





Moby Dick Council
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
39 GROVE STREET
NEW BEDFORD, MA 02740

MEMO FROM.

DONALD W. REINHARDT
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Fall River, Mass., Herald News, Saturday, February 9, 1991.

— Steven Ward, 35, of ██████████
████████, Somerset, three counts of inde-
cent assault on a child, dismissed.

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December 5, 1990

A. GRAVES

Mr. Donald W. Reinhardt
Scout Executive
Moby Dick Council, No. 245

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: STEVEN J. WARD

Dear Don:

I really appreciate all the material you sent us this summer concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful to us as we have set up a file which will enable us to refuse registration in the future.

We would like to know if there has been any legal action related to this matter. If you would send us something in writing that would indicate that, this would help tremendously in our file. If there is to be legal action, we would like to have the outcome and any sentencing which may be imposed.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region


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Moby Dick Council

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

39 GROVE STREET

NEW BEDFORD, MA 02740



July 2, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst
Registration & Subscriptions and Statistical Services
Boy Scouts of America
National Office
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

STEVE WARD

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter sent to us by the alleged victim's Mother as you requested. In addition, I have enclosed a statement by the Social Worker from the State Department of Social Services in Massachusetts.

The case is currently under investigation by the Bristol County District Attorney's Office and it is my understanding that Mr. Ward has refused to speak to the Assistant D.A. pending his attorney's return from vacation on July 2, 1990.

I will keep you posted.

Sincerely,



Donald W. Reinhardt
Scout Executive

DWR:mgm





Marie A. Matava
Commissioner

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Human Services
Department of Social Services

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

6-17-92

Dear [REDACTED]:

As you know, I have talked to you about the report that the Department of Social Services received that [REDACTED] may have been abused and/or neglected.

After visiting with you and your child(ren) and talking to other people who know your family, the Department has found reasonable cause to support the allegation that your child(ren) has been abused and/or neglected and the report is supported.

While the report is supported, it is not necessary to open a case for an Assessment. The assessment is an opportunity for the Department to collect information on your need for services and to develop a plan for how services will be delivered to you and your family. It is also an opportunity to review and possibly change the investigation decision.

We have discussed and agreed that your family is not in need of services. If you still agree your right to a review of investigation decision is waived and your case will be closed. If you disagree please contact me and I will arrange to have your case opened for an Assessment.

If the report about your child came from a person who is required by state law to make this type of report (this could be a doctor, teacher, nurse or other professional) I will be sending them a copy of this letter.

If you have any questions about this letter or want to talk to me, please call me or come to my office.

Sincerely,

William Riley
[REDACTED]

Bill Riley
[REDACTED]

cc: Mandated Reporter

ENTRY LETTER-3C NOTICE TO PARENTS OF INVESTIGATION OUTCOME: REPORT SUPPORTED
OAS 202 ON A FAMILY AND CASE CLOSED

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[REDACTED]
Acronia, Mass 0271
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter is to confirm our phone conversation of this morning concerning my son's boy scout troop #1 leader, Steve Hard.

A few weeks ago Steve Hard called the house around 9 o'clock at night and said the scouts were going to see the fireworks in back of Case High and if [REDACTED] could go. I told Steve I was already in [REDACTED] pajamas and he then said he would pick [REDACTED] up. I asked [REDACTED] if he wanted to go and he said yes. [REDACTED] returned home with the father and I asked him if the fireworks were nice, which he said yes. He also asked him who else went and he replied "just Steve & I went".

This bothered me but both the father and I know Steve personally as he is a member of the sportsman club which my husband also belongs to. However, on Thursday June 7th, Mr. Hard again picked up [REDACTED] @ 7 P.M. to bring him to Boy Scouts. At 9 P.M. I picked up [REDACTED] at the boy scouts and saw where he was in Steve's truck to be brought home. [REDACTED] got out of his truck & into my car. At this time (ride home) the [REDACTED] I did question [REDACTED] if Steve ever got "funny" with him. [REDACTED] replied, "he's always touched me and I told him 'stop it' that I don't like it." I then asked him what Steve said and my son igen

he said "Come on."

My husband and I both tried to question him further and he started to cry. My sister, [REDACTED], questioned him the next day and he told her that Steve would pub his private part (clothes on) and he told Steve to Stop-it.

I hope this problem can be handled swiftly and confidentially. I know my son is telling the truth, I do not want him to be afraid nor do I want any harm to come to him.

Yours Truly,
[REDACTED]

June 28, 1990

Mr. Donald W. Reinhardt
Scout Executive
Moby Dick Council, No. 245

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: STEVEN J. WARD

Dear Don:

I appreciate the material you recently sent concerning the above named individual. The record sheet was most complete and will enable us to identify Mr. Ward in some other location.

We would like more information concerning the child abuse. Can you get a statement from the boy or from the boy's aunt or mother? These statements would be most helpful to our file and would enable us to have more substantiation for refusal of registration at a later time.

We would also like to know if any legal action is contemplated. If there is to be legal action, we would like the outcome of the legal action.

Thanks for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

READY TO FILE
JUN 28 1990
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF019831

Moby Dick Council

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

39 GROVE STREET

NEW BEDFORD, MA 02740

June 12, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst
Registration and Subscription, Statistical Services
National Office
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Mr. Ernst:

It is my opinion that the Moby Dick Council should immediately suspend the registration of Mr. Steven J. Ward for alleged child abuse pending investigation by the Department of Social Services. Mr. Eric Jaikes, legal counsel for the Moby Dick Council concurs based on BSA's Standards of Membership. Mr. Ward should be placed in the Ineligible Volunteer File and the appropriate documentation is enclosed.

The letter regarding Mr. Ward's separation from the BSA was delivered by me, Mr. Everett Graviel (District Executive), and Mr. Eric Jaikes, Council Board Member and Attorney on Tuesday, June 12, 1990 at 10:07 a.m. at the Fall River Chamber of Commerce parking lot. Mr. Ward asked, "What's this all about?" and I simply replied that he did not meet the high standards of membership of the BSA and that his registration was being suspended pending an investigation. He wanted to return the check, but I did not accept it. He asked if this had anything to do with a woman being in a campsite on Saturday, June 9th and I told him it did not. I explained his right to appeal after which he quietly got into his truck and left.

The chartered organization and key troop leadership have been contacted.

Sincerely,



Donald W. Reinhardt
Scout Executive

DWR:mgm



SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORTING FORM

The following information was provided to:

Donald W. Reinhardt, Scout Executive

New Bedford, Ma 02740

Telephone# [REDACTED]

Name of suspected abuser:

Steven J. Ward

Somerset, Ma 02726

Telephone # [REDACTED]

Scouting Position: Scoutmaster

Child's Name:

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Swansea, Ma 02777

Parent's Name:

Swansea, Ma 02777

Telephone # [REDACTED]

Physical Indicators observed:

Behavioral Indicators observed:

Other indicators observed/known: Boy alleged that Mr. Ward fondled
genitals. Clothes were apparently
being worn.

Reporter's name and position: [REDACTED] (boy's aunt)

DATE OF REPORT: June 11, 1990

SIGNATURE: Donald W. Reinhardt

DWR:mgm

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~~STEVEN J. LAFRANCE~~

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SOMERSET, MA 02726

SOMERSET SPORTSMEN CLUB

FOUNDING SCOUT

REPORTING TO AUTHORITIES
REPORTED TO SPICE BY PARENTS,

P. Ernst

Added to the IV file
Related from my file
6/12/90

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ZIP: 02726

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LAST: WARD

ADDR1:

ADDR2: SOMERSET

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ZIP: 02726

REG STATUS: D ENROLL: 0387 BIRTH: 0855 SEX: M AGENCY: M ADULT/YOUTH: A

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